

MASS MEETING
OF CITIZENSFort Pierce Board of Trade
Talks Good Roads

AID 'FRISCO SUFFERERS

Twenty-five Dollars Appropriated and
Committee Appointed to Solicit
Further Donations

The Board of Trade was called to order by President C. T. McCarty, with the following present: C. T. McCarty, T. J. O'Brien, F. H. Fee, R. Whyte, G. S. Tucker, Roy Faber, James E. Andrews, A. B. Lowry, J. E. Fultz, A. C. Dittmar, H. G. Bronson, J. E. Crooks, M. Goldsmith, F. L. Hemmings, J. S. Geiger, D. E. Knight. The president announced that there was a vacancy in the office of secretary, caused by the removal of C. S. Emerson to Tampa. On motion F. L. Hemmings was unanimously elected secretary to fill the vacancy. On motion the secretary was exempted from payment of dues and initiation fee and instructed to place his name on the roll of members.

A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring secretary, C. S. Emerson for his service to the board, and his dues were remitted and his account with the board declared balanced.

President McCarty stated that the meeting was called primarily for the purpose of raising funds for the relief of sufferers from the San Francisco earthquake, and made some remarks as to methods of raising money and the manner of disposing of amount raised.

After some informal discussion the sum of \$25.00 was appropriated for this purpose. On motion a committee of three were appointed to solicit subscriptions for the earthquake sufferers, the amount thus raised to be forwarded with amount already appropriated. President McCarty appointed as soliciting committee, Mayor F. H. Fee, M. Goldsmith, and T. J. O'Brien.

President McCarty then made some extended remarks and suggestions on the question of good roads for St. Lucie county, and as to the best means of interesting the people of the county generally in this important subject. After some discussion Mr. Andrews offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a mass meeting of the people of St. Lucie county be called under the auspices of the board of trade for May 18, 1906, at 2 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of discussing ways and means of obtaining a system of good roads for this county; and that a committee of seven be appointed, of which the President and Secretary be ex-officio members, for the purpose of arranging for this mass meeting and formulating plans and regulations to be presented at such meeting for its consideration.

The resolution was adopted unanimously, and President McCarty appointed the following to act with the President and Secretary: Mayor F. H. Fee, A. N. Hoofnagle, Richard Whyte, Judge J. E. Andrews and K. B. Raulerson.

On motion the secretary was ordered to purchase books in which to record constitution, minutes, roll of membership, etc., and that a warrant be drawn on treasurer for payment of books.

On motion the following committee was appointed to solicit membership: J. E. Andrews, R. Whyte and Roy Faber.

The following were unanimously added to the roll of members: R. Whyte, J. E. Fultz, D. E. Knight, J. S. Geiger and H. E. Crooks.

COCOA TEAM WON
DOUBLE-HEADER

The baseball aggregation from Cocoa swooped down on the helpless unfortunates who composed the team which was to bring renown to Fort Pierce and carried off the honors of both games on Monday. The locals seemed to be up against something a little warmer than they expected, and went to pieces, allowing the visitors to walk all over them and back again, then rubbed it in

good and hard.

All of this happened in the morning game, which was a regular running match with Cocoa doing all the running, while the home boys piled up so many errors the score sheet was put out of commission. The run-getting started in the first inning when the heavy hitters from Cocoa began to swat the ball for safeties, assisted by fumbles and overthrows from our own hopefuls. At the end of the game the scorer announced, or whispered, the astounding news that they had done us to the tune of 16 to 0. Several times the home boys had three men on bases and just a small single would have scored for them, but, alas, they seemed unable to connect at the opportune moment!

The afternoon game was a good exhibition of ball playing, for the home team seemed to settle down and work. The line-up was strengthened for this game by Racey, Trice and Hendrix, of Jensen, who had come up to see Cocoa get her drubbing. While several costly errors were made on both sides which ran the score higher than it should have been, everybody was pleased with the game, which resulted in a score of 10 to 9 in favor of the visitors.

During the last three innings the excitement was intense; the locals needed one run to tie the score, but both teams had settled down and third base was as far as any runner was allowed to go. Throughout the game the ladies in the grand stand stood staunchly by the home team, generously applauding every good play, and not only did some of them blister their hands but others actually wore holes in their gloves in their efforts to cheer the boys on to victory.

The home boys realize their weak points and will now settle down and prepare to meet all comers. Practice is all that is needed to develop some good ball players among our boys.

A dance was given the visiting team Monday night, and they enjoyed themselves immensely. They returned home on the midnight train well pleased with their trip to Fort Pierce. A fine set of fellows is this Cocoa bunch, and it was almost a pleasure to lose to them, but we are laying for you, boys, next time.

Meeting of Stockholders.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Indian River Telephone Company will be held in Fort Pierce on Monday, May 14, for the transaction of such business as may come before it.

HARRY JENNINGS, Gen'l Mgr.

ODD FELLOWS
CELEBRATEDEighty-seventh Anniversary of
Order Fittingly Observed

LARGE CROWD PRESENT

Atlantic Lodge Presented Splendid Program and Elegant Refreshments
Last Night

The eighty-seventh anniversary of the founding on the Odd Fellows organization in America was fittingly celebrated last evening by Atlantic Lodge No. 31, I. O. O. F.

Neatly printed invitations were sent out to the members of the lodge, their families and visiting brethren, and seventy-eight responded to the invitations, fully half of the audience being ladies.

After the opening prayer by Chaplain W. J. Nesbitt, the Noble Grand M. F. Goldsmith, and acting Vice Grand ————, Tabbs stated the object of the celebration in appropriate responsive readings, and Secretary C. C. Boykin read the proclamation from the grand master. This was followed by Prof. Pomeroy with a paper on the objects and duties of odd fellowship, which was instructive even to the members of the order.

The social feature then began with alternate selections by the orchestra and special anniversary anthems by the choir, followed by a splendid solo by Chas. Lord.

Elegant refreshments, consisting of ice cream, cake and lemonade, were then served by the members of the lodge, and were thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

This was followed by several selections by the orchestra and two solos by R. L. Goodwin, which were well rendered.

Besides celebrating the anniversary of the order, these occasions have a tendency to promote social intercourse between the brethren and their families which add considerably to the pleasure and profit of our people.

Catholic Services in Fort Pierce.

Rev. M. J. Curley, rector of St. Peter's church, DeLand, having charge also of the Catholic missions along the

East Coast between Fort Pierce and New Smyrna, made his regular visit to the Catholic community of Fort Pierce during the week, arriving here on Monday evening and leaving for Vero on Thursday morning. Mass was celebrated each morning at 7:30 in the town hall, all the Catholics approaching the sacraments of penance and holy communion. Each afternoon at four the children were assembled at the home of T. J. O'Brien for instruction by Father Curley.

On Tuesday evening at 7:30 Rev. Curley spoke in the town hall to an interested audience. His lecture was greatly enjoyed by all who heard it.

Canal's Progress.

Work on the East Coast canal is proceeding with the same rapidity that has marked its progress for the past two years and if nothing unforeseen occurs the inland waterway to Miami will be opened by next winter.

As yet no decision has been reached as to opening it for vessels next winter but it will be navigable in case such is deemed advisable.

Boats drawing 5½ feet of water have recently made the trip from Miami to the south side of the present cut upon which the dredges are working.

The progress of the canal is being watched with keen interest along the East Coast and its completion will be hailed with satisfaction.

Notice of Stockholders Meeting

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Allapatahatchee Fruit & Vegetable Company will take place at its office, near Fort Pierce, Florida, on Tuesday, May 1, 1906 for election of directors, and to transact such other business as may legally come before it. By order of the president.

W. R. MOSES, Secretary.

The Revival Services.

The revival services at the Methodist church are growing in interest all the time. Rev. Mr. Norsworthy is preaching a plain and practical gospel. Saturday night he will preach on "The Philosophy of Sin." Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock he will hold a service for men only.

The ladies guild of St. Andrews church held a very pleasant dime tea yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. E. Tylander.

The Aid society of the Methodist church was entertained at parsonage Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Hargrove.

FIRE ENGINE
IS ORDEREDSplendid Fire Fighting Machine
Expected Next Week

FIRE BOYS ORGANIZE

Engine Company and Two Fire Hose
Companies Elect Officers
Thirty-three Men

Fort Pierce is making arrangements to protect her property from fire in a manner that is truly substantial, by the purchase of a combined chemical and pump fire engine.

Some weeks ago the town council authorized the purchase of this excellent fire fighting machine, and the same was ordered without delay, and should be here by the first of next week. With the machine will be two hose reels and 1050 feet of hose. The Paxton building has been secured as temporary fire headquarters until the town builds a permanent fire hall. This is a good location for the safe keeping of the engine, and will be easy of access to all members of the fire department.

That our people are not lagging behind the enterprise of the town council is evidenced by the fact that an efficient fire department has already been organized, is well officered, and now needs only a few members to complete the rolls.

At a meeting held some weeks ago W. E. Tylander was elected chief; and H. I. Klopp, secretary and treasurer. The full list of officers was completed at a meeting held last week. At present the fire department is composed of 33 men; 16 men being on the engine company and 8 men on each of the two hose companies, which will be officered as follows: R. E. Mims, Jr., foreman of engine company; C. L. Faber, assistant foreman; W. E. Goldsmith, foreman hose company No. 1; C. E. Killer, assistant foreman; A. B. Lowry, foreman, hose company No. 2; R. W. Godfrey, assistant foreman.

As soon as the fire engine arrives our boys will begin to practice and put themselves in shape to protect the buildings of the town from fire. It is hoped that their efficiency will soon be recognized by the fire insurance companies so that a considerable lowering in insurance rates can be installed without delay.

School Closing Exercises.

The Fort Pierce public school will close Tuesday, May 8, and the various grades are preparing an interesting program to be rendered as the closing exercises on that day. The intermediate pupils will give a play entitled "The Pixies Triumph," and the second primary will present "While Mortals Sleep." The pupils of the other rooms will appear in various drills and tableaux. Much interest is shown by the pupils and the teachers are working hard in preparation for the event. Full particulars will be given next week.

The Drummers vs. Fort Pierce.

John Dickinson, a popular traveling man, was in town Wednesday and becoming enthusiastic over baseball, challenged the Fort Pierce club to a game with the drummers on Wednesday, May 9. The challenge was immediately accepted and Mr. Dickinson says he will get a nine composed entirely of drummers who travel this territory and show the Fort Pierce boys how to play ball. This will be an interesting game and offers more than local interest, for the genial drummers will no doubt advertise the game to a great extent. Don't miss this game.

THE ELEVENTH HOUR
BRINGS A CANDIDATE

R. E. Bray, of Jensen, announces this week for member of the House of Representatives from St. Lucie county. Mr. Bray came to this county a little over a year ago and is one of the county's heavy tax payers, having invested in one of the largest pineapple plantations of this section. He is an old newspaper man and understands the duties of the office which he seeks.

CANDIDATES IN THE POLITICAL ARENA

The Cattle Case Explained.

To whom it may concern:

In a former communication, I stated that the county commissioners did not propose to go into print to explain their every action, but that sometimes there were things of more than passing importance that justified, and I might say demanded, that they set forth facts not fully understood by the public. Recently there occurred such a case as there seems to be a great deal of misunderstanding concerning it. I propose to give it to the public as it really did occur, and if I make a mistake in the facts, I shall only be too glad to correct them, but I think the matter is sufficiently clear in my mind for me to state it definitely, clearly and absolutely without bias in any form.

First of all, it is the duty of the county commissioners to appoint inspectors of live and slaughtered cattle in the cattle districts of the county, as is evidenced by article 2, section 229. "The county commissioners of each county are hereby empowered, at their discretion, to lay out their respective counties into districts, as many as they may deem necessary, to be called cattle districts, and each cattle district shall be entitled to one or more cattle inspectors, to be appointed by the county commissioners, and each inspector shall be an expert in taking or recording marks and brands of cattle and shall not be allowed to appoint deputies."

From the above, it will be plainly seen that they are to make such appointments at their discretion.

When the county was divided and the present commissioners assumed the duties of their office, a petition was presented asking that T. D. Summerlin and R. Carlton, Sr., be appointed as inspectors (continued on page 3.)

Wants an Office Anyway.

To the voters of St. Lucie County: I respectfully submit my name to you as a candidate for an office. I would like to be governor, but as that is not for you to give and as Gov. N. B. Broward is now in office and at the same time trying to drain the 'Glades, I will ask you to give me a county office.

I want the one that will pay the most, but please not elect me sheriff, as he sometimes has something to do, and it is against my constitution to work.

I am a poor man and need the office. Of course, it makes very little difference as to my ability to perform the duties of the office; that is of secondary importance. I would like to be Inspector of Public Superintendents and I have had experience in that line. I have been trying to instruct the public for a long time and they simply will not listen. I am a B. B. (Mamma said that meant Bad Boy, and she used a rattan, but it really means that I can spell "Baker" backwards.)

Now please do not turn me down for having "seaguars" and need the office. I had only ham, eggs, steak, butter and a few other things for breakfast, and our coffee never costs more than sixty cents per pound.

I need (and want) the office for I am too lazy to work. Respectfully,

L. A. MAR.

Cannot See Voters Personally.

To the voters of St. Lucie County:

Necessary attention to business will make it impossible for me to personally meet the voters of the county before the primary election, and I trust they will accept this method of soliciting their votes for the office of member of (continued on page 4)

Goodwin Makes Charges.

To the voters of St. Lucie County:

In the last issue of THE TRIBUNE, Mr. Nesbitt takes up the cudgel in defense of the Superintendent and the school board and calls their opponents "bombastic gentlemen of the out." After election these terms, "like curses may come home to roost."

It is a burning shame that the superintendent should have an opponent, and it is a fine thing to have champion out and fight his battle.

Mr. Nesbitt says: "It is the duty of the superintendent to keep the board informed of the progress and condition of school matters in the county." Did the Superintendent inform the board that there were sections of the county where there were a full complement of white children without schools before they built and furnished a fine school for negroes at Fort Pierce?

In spite of complaints of rough play and over crowding, owing to the presence of children who had no business in the school wagon furnished and under the control of the firm of which the present superintendent is a member, a change was made only after the writer had commenced to stir things up. Now there is discipline and good behavior, owing to there now being a driver who has outgrown his youthfulness and who is too big to play rough house with the children.

A negro man drove the wagon three times as a substitute when the boy was busy elsewhere. Colored men should not drive school wagons at any time, and I believe the majority of the people are with me in this matter.

Mr. Nesbitt says that members of the board should be chosen with the greatest care from the best material (continued on page 4)